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1. WALTER KLEIN, MARTINEZ DE HOZ' DEPUTY, TOLD CHARGE THIS MORNING THAT PRESIDENT FMZABIDU# HAD BEEN FULLY INFORMED BY HIM OF POSSIBILITY OF US NEGATIVE VOTE ON ARGENTINE \$100 MILLION LOAN PROJECT BEFORE IBRD JUNE 16. HE WAS REASSURING THAT THERE WAS NO MISREADING USG INTENTIONS BY TOP LEADERS OF GOA. HE SAID "WE HAVE DECIDED TO RUN THE RISK OF A NEGATIVE VOTE SMLGAN"# AND

ADDED THAT AT MINECON'S REQUEST, MININTERIOR HARGUINDEGUY WAS PREPARING REPORT ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS, IN FACT, CLEAR TREND TOWARD OBSERVANCE OF RULE OF LAW IN GOA SECURITY PRACTICES.

2. WHEN CONVERSATION WITH ALLARA WAS REVIEWED WITH HIM, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ALLARA'S DENIAL THAT ANY NORMALIZATION WAS IN PROSPECT, HE SAID ALLARA WAS A RELIABLE STRAIGHT-ARROW CARRYING OUT ORDERS AND THAT HE WOULD INTERPRET ALLARA'S STATEMENT TO MEAN THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOA WOULD IN NO WAY LET UP IN ITS EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE GENUINE TERRORISTS. HE IMPLIED THAT FACTUAL REPORTS OF SITUATION WOULD SHOW THAT TREND WAS DEFINITELY IMPROVING. IT APPEARED THAT THE REPORT IN QUESTION WOULD BE PRESENTED TO DEPARTMENT BY AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL SHORTLY. HE IMPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE BEFORE OASGA.

3. IT NOW APPEARS THAT GOA IS PREPARED TO GO AHEAD WITH LOAN AND, GIVEN CONFIDENCE OF KLEIN'S PRESENTATION, BELIEVES IT HAS SUFFICIENT VOTES TO ASSURE FAVORABLE ACTION. MARTINEZ DE HOZ IS WITH PRESIDENT THIS AFTERNOON, REPORTING ON RESULTS OF HIS VISIT.

4. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS' WRAPUP REPORTS ON MARTINEZ DE HOZ' VISIT TO US IN TODAY'S PRESS WERE GENERALLY BALANCED, AND IN CASE OF LA NACION, AN EXTRAORDINARILY INSIGHTFUL REPORT ON USG ATTITUDE GOWARD GOA, INCLUDING LIKELIHOOD OF NEGATIVE VOTE IN IFI. NEWS COVERAGE ALL PICTURED MARTINEZ DE HOZ AS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN HIS ROLE AS LEADER OF ARGENTINA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY, WHILE LESS EFFECTIVE IN DEALING WITH POLITICAL ISSUES, WHICH WERE RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHERS.

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